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OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION

Attached please find the following:

1. Status Inquiry – Notice of Allowance for 09/618,591 (1 page);

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In re patent application of:) Date: May 10, 2005
Jeffrey D. Pierce) Attorney Docket No.: E-995
Serial No.: 09/618,591) Confirmation No.: 7499
Filed: July 17, 2000) Group Art Unit: 2161
Title: A METHOD FOR POSITIONING AN INDICIUM FOR PRINTING ON A
SUBSTRATE AND A SYSTEM FOR CARRYING OUT SUCH METHOD AND
A MAILPIECE PRODUCED BY SUCH A METHOD

STATUS INQUIRY - NEW PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

Applicant submitted a status inquiry for the above-identified patent application on March 29, 2005. Applicant has not received a response to the inquiry. As of May 4, 2005, the Private Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) System indicates that the file has been marked "Lost."

More than twenty eight (28) months have passed since the Applicant filed an Amendment on January 27, 2003, to the above-identified patent application. According to the Private PAIR System, the last action by the Examiner is a Notice of Allowability that was issued on October 2, 2003, but has never been mailed. No Communication has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office indicating action on this application since the aforementioned Amendment was filed.

Therefore, applicant wishes to inquire as to the present status of the above-identified pending patent application. In particular, if the file is in fact lost, what steps is the USPTO taking to recover the file? Furthermore, what has happened to the Notice of Allowability that was apparently under second review?

Respectfully submitted,



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